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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: DEVELOPMENTS RE KAUKABA

1. URQUHART AND GUYER IN TELEPHONE DISCUSSION WITH
SYG'S REP SAUNDERS AFTERNOON AUGUST 2, WERE TOLD FOLLOWING

- A. COL. RANA IS PRESENT WITH LEBANESE COMMANDER AT
KAUKABA AND HAS SATISFIED HIMSELF THAT THERE IS NO REPEAT
NO "SYRIAN ELEMENT" WITH LEBANESE FORCES IN THAT AREA. HE
HAS THIS NOT ONLY FROM LEBANESE COMMANDERS INVOLVED BUT
ALSO FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH VARIOUS OFFICERS AND MEN
AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO ARRANGE FOR VERIFICATION OF THIS
FACT BY UNTSO PERSONNEL IF ISRAELIS REALLY CONTINUE TO
SUSPECT THAT SYRIANS ARE PRESENT.

- B. GENERAL ERSKINE WILL PROCEED TO KAUKABA EARLY
TOMORROW AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR WHATEVER CONTACTS
MIGHT BRING ABOUT RAPID RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM WITH
CHRISTIANS.

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2. WE ARE INFORMED BOTH BY URQUHART AND BY LEBANESE
CHARGE THAT TUENI WILL SEE WALDHEIM IN LONDON FIRST THING
TOMORROW MORNING. URQUHART AND CHARGE BOTH UNDERSTAND
PROBLEMS WE WOULD HAVE IF SECURITY COUNCIL MEETINGS WERE
ACTUALLY HELD, BUT ARE ANXIOUS TO USE THREAT OF A MEETING
TO BRING ABOUT EARLIEST SOLUTION TO MATTER. URQUHART IS

PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT WALDHEIM MAY BE EXPOSING HIM-
SELF TO JUSTIFIABLE CRITICISM IF PROBLEM PERSISTS AND HE
FAILS TO DRAW IT TO ATTENTION OF COUNCIL. YOUNG

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